[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

to constitute a committee to examine and revise the *Puduval* Rules, consisting of the Land Revenue Commissioner, the Dewan Peishkars of Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam and 3 non-officials, to be elected by the non-official members of the Legislative Council from among themselves at the current session of the Council.

Issue of Demand Notices.

87. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): (1) With regard to the motion regarding demand notices, printed at page 293 of Volume VII of *the Legislative Council Proceedings*, will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken by them in keeping with the spirit of the resolution of the Council?

(2) If not, will they be pleased to state whether they propose to take any action?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 1084 of 26/Rev., dated the 20th July 1926, published at pages 1141 and 1142 of the Land Revenue Departmental Sheet of the *Government Gazette* dated the 27th July 1926.

Export of Phosphatic Manures from Travancore.

88. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) what is the opinion of the Agricultural Department with regard to the phosphatic contents of Travancore soils and whether it is comparatively very poor;

(2) the amount of phosphatic manures, *i. e.*, prawn skins, fish manure, bone and *poonac*, exported from Travancore annually; and

(3) whether, in view of the fact that phosphatic manures are essential for the development of agriculture in the country, the Government will take steps for prohibiting the export of these articles from Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The opinion of the Agricultural Department is that the phosphatic contents of Travancore soils are very poor.

(2) The member is referred to Appendix XXIII of the Annual Reports of the Excise Department. A statement* containing the figures for 1100 is laid on the table.

(3) This is a matter which requires careful consideration.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): With regard to part 3 of the answer, may I know whether the Government are prepared to consider it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is there.

* *Vide* Appendix III— page 240.

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